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SUBJECT: SECRETARY BUTZ' POSITION ON EC SOYBEAN CAP

REF: EC BRUSSELS 6575

1. SECRETARY BUTZ' POSITION ON THE PROPOSED EC SOYBEAN CAP, AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, MAY BE SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION WITH RESPECT TO THE EXERCISE OF US GATT RIGHTS. WHEN ASKED BY SOAMES ABOUT THE RIGHT OF EC FARMERS TO GROW SOYBEANS, THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT EC FARMERS HAVE, OF COURSE, THE RIGHT TO PLANT ANY CROP, ALTHOUGH PROMOTING SOYBEAN PRODUCTION BY THE EC DID NOT APPEAR TO BE THE MOST EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE US WOULD OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED SOYBEAN SUBSIDY PROGRAM, THE SECRETARY REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE, BUT THIS WAS NOT INTENDED TO FORECLOSE ANY ACTION THE US MAY BE OBLIGED TO TAKE IF SUCH A PROGRAM RESULTS IN AN IMPAIRMENT OF THE EC'S DUTY-FREE GATT BINDINGS ON SOYBEANS AND SOYBEAN MEAL. THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT WAS IN THE CONTEXT THAT THE US HAS NO INTENTION OF DICTATING TO THE EC ON ITS INTERNAL POLICIES, BUT THIS DOES NOT COMPROMISE IN ANY WAY THE US POSITION IN GATT.

2. FURTHER COMMENTS ON EEC'S SOYBEAN PROPOSALS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

3. THIS MESSAGE APPROVED BY SECRETARY BUTZ. KISSINGER

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